

A RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SENIOR HOUSING REHABILITATION ADVISORY BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, there is currently a significant number of low, fixed income senior citizens in the City of Atlanta living in sub-standard or non-code-compliance homes; and

WHEREAS, many of these senior homes need repairs that include roof repairs and replacement, heating and cooling system repair or replacement, electrical rewiring, carpentry, plumbing repairs, furnace replacement and general maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta provides over a million dollars annually in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for senior housing rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, said funding level is inadequate for the overwhelming number of housing repair projects; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta Bureau of Housing has recently re-established the Home Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, which had a troubled history of inadequate funding, inferior and/or incomplete repair work by contractors, overcharges, excessive delays and long waiting for assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta City Council wishes to establish a Senior Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Board to advise the Mayor and the Council on the senior housing rehabilitation issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA as follows:

SECTION 1. That the board shall consist 5 members as follows: two representatives from the home building and improvement industry, two representatives designated by the Atlanta Commission on Aging and one representative designated by the Fulton County Council on Aging. The Director of the Bureau of Housing or his/her designee shall work closely with the board. .

SECTION 2. That the Senior Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Board shall serve as an advisory body to provide counsel, assistance, coordination, and resource development to the Mayor and City Council on the senior housing rehabilitation issues.

SECTION 3. That the Senior Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Board shall conduct public hearings and work sessions to review, study and evaluate the city housing rehabilitation programs and recommend ways to improve the programs so as to achieve the goal of a safer Atlanta for senior citizens.

SECTION 4. That the City's Bureau of Housing shall provide the Senior Housing Rehabilitation Advisory Board with monthly or quarterly operation reports so that the Board can advise and collaborate with the Bureau on senior housing rehabilitation issues and concerns.

SECTION 5. That the Advisory Board shall be staffed and supported by the pool of resources for the Atlanta Commission on Aging.

SECTION 6. That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.